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**Subject:** The Microsoft settlement is a bad deal

Dear DOJ,

The settlement with Microsoft is a bad deal that benefits Microsoft and no one else.

In one stroke, they get:

1. a huge tax deduction
2. massive placement of their marginal technology into schools, which allows them to perpetuate their systems and data-gathering agendas
3. to strike a major blow against competition in the education sector

This deal boosts Microsoft and cheats American citizens of what Microsoft owes us.

Also, why is this monopoly not being broken up? Does the DOJ's lack of trust-busting effort have anything to do with the close alliance Gates has formed with President Bush? What about all that money that Gates gave to the Bush campaign? This deal does not shed a positive light on a situation that already appears to be corrupt.

Regards,

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